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SUBJECT: GOP ENFORCES LABOR PEACE BUT FEWER TRADE UNIONISTS
UNDER DETENTION

1. THE LIMA PRESS HAS RECENTLY REPORTED THE RELEASE OF ALL MUNICIPAL WORKERS OR UNION OFFICIALS UNDER DETENTION SINCE THE OCTOBER 1976 MUNICIPAL WORKERS STRIKE. THE GOVERNMENT-ORGANIZED CTRP TRADE UNION CLAIMS CREDIT FOR THE RELEASE OF THESE WORKERS. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT SEVEN WORKERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED SIDERPERU STEEL MILL HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM AFTER FOUR MONTHS' DETENTION. HOWEVER, THE SIDERPERU UNION CHARGES THAT NINETEEN OTHER WORKERS INCLUDING ITS SECGEN MANUEL CORTEZ FERNANDEZ ARE STILL BEING DETAINED. THEY WERE ARRESTED FOR LABOR AGITATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE LENGTHY FISHERMEN'S STRIKE IN LATE 1976. THE PRESS AND INDEPENDENT WEEKLIES ALSO CARRY LETTERS FROM DETAINED PERSONS INCLUDING LEADERS FROM THE TECHERS, MINERS, METALURGICAL AND FISHERMEN UNIONS. THESE SELF-DESIGNATED "POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SOCIAL ACTIVISTS" CHARGE THE GOP WITH A "CONSTANT AND INCREASING VIOLATION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS".

2. VICE MINISTER OF LABOR JULIO BARRENECHEA TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 1 THAT THERE IS FULL GOP CONSENSUS ON THE NEED TO PROHIBIT STRIKES AND SEVERELY LIMIT WAGE INCREASES UNTIL THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS
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RESOLVED. THEREFORE TOUGH SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE USED TO AVERT LABOR UNREST. THE VICE MINISTER CONTENDED THAT THE APR-ORIENTED CTP AND THE MOSCOW-LINE CGTP LABOR CONFEDERATIONS ARE COGNIZANT OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CRISIS AND WILL NOT CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE CGTP DID NOT SUCCEED TO FISHERMEN'S EFFORTS TO DRAW IT INTO THAT LABOR CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. FAR-LEFT UNIONS, HOWEVER, WILL FOMENT

UNREST WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SAID BARRENECHEA.

3. THE LABOR MINISTRY, ACCORDING TO BARRENECHEA, HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF LABOR LEADERS; IT IS THE JOB OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON IMMINENT STRIKES AND TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION. HOWEVER, THE LABOR MINISTRY DOES ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF STRIKES THROUGH ITS "MEDIATION" FUNCTION. THE VICE MINISTER'S VIEW IS THAT THE NUMBER OF TRADE UNION-

ISTS DETAINED FOR STRIKE ACTIVITY IS DECLINING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, BECAUSE UNIONS RECOGNIZE THE FUTILITY OF VIOLATING EMERGENCY DECREES. HE FELT, THEREFORE, THAT 1977 WOULD BE A YEAR OF AN ENFORCED LABOR PEACE WITH ONLY SPORADIC PERIODS OF TENSION.

4. EMBOFF MENTIONED THE ILO POSITION ON LONG-TERM STRIKE PROHIBITIONS, STRICT WAGE CONTROLS AND SEVERE SECURITY MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE UNIONS. THE VICE MINISTER REPLIED THAT THE GOP MIGHT APPEAR ON AN ILO "BLACKLIST" BUT THAT WOULD NOT DISSUADE THE GOVERNMENT FROM CONTINUING WITH THE LABOR POLICIES NECESSARY FOR ITS SURVIVAL AND FOR THE RESOLUTION OF PERU'S ECONOMIC CRISIS.

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